OUR YOUNG FOLKS.

The Lost Pearls.

Linda Lee, with yellow curls,
Sat by a streamlet stringing pearls—
  Sat singing in the sun;
Six pearls upon the strand she slipped,
Then from a casket, silver-tipped,
  She took a golden one.

'I'll string them so,' said Linda Lee,
'And oh, how beautiful they'll be,
  For I have many pearls!
And of the golden ones, I know.
There'll be enough: I'll string then so,
  And bind them in my curls.'

Six snowy pearls, then one of gold,
Until at length they all were told;
  Then with a happy look,
She caught the string to bind her hair;
Alas! for not a pearl was there:
  They'd slipped into the brook!

Alas! how many thoughtless girls
Still careless string life's precious pearls—
  Each pearl a priceless day—
Until, when all are past, they find
Life with its promise left behind,
  Its pearls all passed away.—Sel.

DEAR EDITOR:—This is my first letter for the Children's Column. I am 8 years old. I go to school. My teacher's name is G. B. Hite. I missed a great deal of school on account of bad weather. I do not go to Sunday School. I would like to go next summer. I will close by sending 10 cents for Company D.

MAGGIE E. GOCHNOUR.

Johnstown, Pa.

DEAR EDITOR:—I will write a letter for the Children's Column. I read grandma Miller's letter and it was very interesting. I would like to see her. I wish more grandmas would write. Let us hear from grandma Beer again. Tell us about the oranges and her curly dog. I am eight years old. I can't write very good. I could not go to school this winter, as I had typhoid fever three months. Katie Hershberger stayed with us while we were sick. We like her very much. Today we were at an old man's funeral. Katie is helping me to write this letter. I will send ten cents for company D. Good by.

ELSIE P. SUMMERS.

DEAR EDITOR:—I have not written for a long time, so I thought I would write. I am still going to school to Mr. S. M. Chiles. I am glad spring is approaching, as I am tired of going to school. I have about a mile to walk. I did not go to school Monday as my brother George, wife and two interesting little daughters, Rena and Nellie were here. My brother Zed went to Washington to see Harrison inaugurated. I have a little pet lamb which I love very much. I will close by asking a question: Where in the Bible do we first read of the promise of a Savior?

Yours truly,
OLIVE COPP.

Kernstown, Va.

DEAR EDITOR:—It has been sometime since I have written for the Children's Column. I have been going to school all winter, but it is out now. My teacher's name was Miss Becca Berry. I like her very much. I got a prize for improving the most in writing. I study Reading, Writing, Spelling, Arithmetic, Geography and Physiology. I am 12 years old, the 28th of Feb. My brother is away attending College at Yates Centre. I will close by asking a question: How many times was the water parted for the children of Israel to pass through? If I see this in print, I will write again.

Yours truly,
RUBY L. HILBERT.

Montana, Kan.

DEAR EDITOR:—This is my first attempt to write for the Children's Column. I am twelve years old. I go to school every day. My teacher's name is Mr. Joseph Nunemaker. I like him very much. My studies are reading, writing, spelling, arithmetic, geography and grammar. Our school will close in three weeks. I am sorry it closes so soon. I would like to go to school in the summer, I think it would be so nice to go and gather flowers and take them to the teacher. Papa, mamma, my two sisters and I belong to the Brethren church. I will close by answering Della Ripples question. Where was Elijah fed by the ravens? He dwelt by the brook cherith that is before Jordan. 1 Kings 17:5. You will find enclosed 20 cents for Company D. This is for Bro. Ferdinand and I.

CLARA KISTLER.

Logan, Hocking Co., Ohio.

DEAR EDITOR:—This is my first attempt to write for the Children's Column. My papa, mamma, sister and two brothers belong to the Brethren church. I am 6 years old, and I go to school most of the time. I live at Buckeye City. Bro. Miller is holding big meeting and has had good success so far. I go to Sunday School every Sunday. My teacher's name is Flora Workman. I like her very much. I will give you the question for our Sunday School next Sunday. What different names have been applied to Jesus Christ by the writers of the Bible? I must close for this time. I will send 10 cents for Company D for myself and brothers and sisters. George J. Ross, Jacob L. Ross, Nannie A. Ross, Otto A. Ross and myself.

NELLIE C. ROSS.

Buckeye City, O.

DEAR EDITOR:—As it has been a long time since I wrote for the Children's Column, I thought I would write today. I go to school and my teacher's name is E. E. Bixles. He is a good teacher. I study all the common branches. We have about sixty enrolled. I go to Sunday school and church whenever I can, but we have pretty far and I cannot go very often. Josiah Keim is our pastor. He is a good preacher. I wonder what has become of Uncle Joe, that we don't hear any thing of him any more. I guess he is asleep in the mountains. I would like to hear from him through the Children's Column. Come children let us crowd these R. R. time tables and Vinegar bitters. Our page is not the place for them. I will answer E. E. Jacobs question. Moses was 120 years old when he died. See last chapter of Deuteronomy. I will ask a question, What is mentioned in the Testament so bad that no man can tame it. I will send 10 cents for company D.

MELVIN B. SUMMERS.

DEAR EDITOR:—This is my first attempt to write for the Children's Column. I go to school and I like my teacher real well. She is good and kind. She said she would give a prize to the one that got the most head marks, and I think I shall be one of them. We had an Educational meeting at our school house. I had a speech about 'What I loved best' and one on 'Welcome.' The next piece I had was 'The good speller.' It was just grand to have such meetings. My teacher's name is Miss Gordon. I am a little boy 10 years old. My studies are Spelling, Reading, Writing and Arithmetic. I am with my grandma Bard. She is pretty old. She can scarcely walk with her cane. I would like to see some letters from my little friends in Ohio. There is Dora Grubb, I would like to have write. I guess I will close for this time. If I see this in print, I will write again.

CHARLIE MALLOTT.

Needmore, Pa.

Tepid water with a little borax dissolved in it is good to wash colored table linen in.

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IMMORALITY, MORALITY AND RELIGION.

steeped in immorality we will be surrounded with eternal misery and despair. What a vast difference in the pictures! yet how many persons of today choose darkness.

We are moral agents to a certain extent and we therefore have the power to choose morality and religion or immorality and eternal misery. Which shall we choose? Surely no one would hesitate in saying morality and religion that our steps may be heavenward and not downward. There are seven steps viz. Evil-desire,* Self-will, Self-deception, Hardness of Heart, Blindness, and finally Desperate-wickedness; these constitute flight of steps which reach to the regions of despair through immorality. The person who is strictly planted on the moral platform is ready to step upon the steps of Faith, Humility, Repentance, Hope, Expectation, Santification, Adoption, and finally be crowned with eternal glory. These constitute the steps heavenward. If we choose to take the seven downward steps, we may liken ourselves unto a boat-man out on the great ocean with but one oar circling round and round till he nears the whirl-pool and finally sinks into the vortex and is lost forever. Hadn't we better arm ourselves with moral sentiment and judgment then take the seven upward? steps

Certainly the wise and prudent would say let us buckle on the armor of morality and the sword of truth and thereby advance heavenward. Let us young and old in the nineteenth century labor to be more pure in our characters and not tamper our minds with the immoralities by which we may be surrounded almost upon every hand. Every one must study for himself as to where the line of demarkation should be drawn. Men's judgment as to what is right and wrong are not altogether exactly the same. I think we need not go astray, if we take the Bible for our code of moral laws. Much more can be said on this subject but I'll close my proposition by a song entitled,

'MY MOTHER'S GIFT—THE BIBLE.'

This book is all that's left me now
  Tears will unbidden start,
With faltering lip and throbbing brow
  I press it to my heart.
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  Here is our family tree
My mother's hand this Bible clasped
  She dying gave it me.

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Akron		†12 10am m	1 25p m	
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